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S. 1752

To amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt full-time registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries from restrictions on remunerated outside professional activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 1996

Mr. SIMPSON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
4 this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amend-
5 ment to a section or other provision, the reference shall
6 be considered to be made to a section or other provision
7 of title 38, United States Code.

8 SEC. 2. Section 7423 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b) by striking paragraph (1)
 2 and redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), and
 3 (6) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5);

4 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (e),
 5 and (f) as subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g); and

6 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-
 7 ing new subsection (c):

8 “(c) A physician, dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist
 9 appointed as a full-time employee under this title (other
 10 than an intern or resident appointed pursuant to section
 11 7406 of this title) may not assume responsibility for the
 12 medical care of any patient other than a patient admitted
 13 for treatment at a Department facility, except in those
 14 cases where the appointee, upon request and with the ap-
 15 proval of the Under Secretary for Health, assumes such
 16 responsibilities to assist communities or medical practice
 17 groups to meet medical needs which would not otherwise
 18 be met for a period not to exceed 180 calendar days, which
 19 may be extended by the Under Secretary for Health for
 20 additional periods not to exceed 180 calendar days each.”.

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